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February 9, 2015

Dear Interested Citizen:

Enclosed you will find for your review the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposal to conduct forested habitat improvement treatments on approximately 400 acres within FWP's Threemile Wildlife Management Area (WMA) northeast of Stevensville in Ravalli County. The purpose is to restore and improve ungulate winter range and reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire to the WMA and adjacent forested ownerships.

This EA may also be obtained by mail from Region 2 FWP, 3201 Spurgin Rd., Missoula 59804; by phoning 406-542-5540; by emailing shrose@mt.gov; or by viewing FWP's Internet website http://fwp.mt.gov ("Public Notices," beginning February 9).

Comments may be made on FWP's website (information above) or may be directed to Sharon Rose at the mail, phone or email addresses above. Comments must be received by FWP no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 10, 2015.

As part of the decision making process under the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), I expect to issue the Decision Notice for this EA soon after the end of the comment period. The Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission has the final decision-making authority for this proposed timber action, and we will ask the Commission to render its decision on this proposal (tentatively) at its May 14th meeting in Helena. (If this should go to Commission earlier than the May meeting and if you would like us to update you on the timing, please contact Sharon Rose at the email address above.)

Sincerely,

Randy Arnold Regional Supervisor

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